

# Preliminary Assessment Report

## Project 3014211, 722 3RD AVE N

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**Assessment Completed:** 10/16/2012

**Project Description:** Demolish existing buildings on site. Construct 16 new townhomes with underground parking garage.

**Primary Applicant:** [Mark Wierenga](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

### Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

### Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

#### DPD Drainage Requirements

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## Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- Overview of the permit application process: [5 Steps for a Successful DPD Application Submittal](#).
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#) Client Assistance Memos.
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- [DPD's Checklists & Standards](#), designed to help you make sure your permit application is complete and ready for review.

## Requirements

### **DPD Drainage Requirements**

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

#### **Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure**

Combined sewer main location: 3rd Ave N

Combined sewer main size: 8-inch diameter

#### **Drainage**

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Combined sewer.

#### **Flow Control Compliance**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E.

A completed Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan is required and available at the following link: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/StormwaterCode/Forms/default.asp>

For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan and construction stormwater control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible without causing flooding, landslide, or erosion impacts per SMC 22.805.020.F. Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to Director's Rule 17-2009 - Stormwater Manual Vol. III - Stormwater Flow Control and Water Quality. Submit a GSI Calculator along with additional flow control documentation. Refer to the following for more information:

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/StormwaterCode/Overview/default.asp>

This project site discharges to a Public Combined Sewer (SMC 805.050.A.5). Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to land disturbing activity, and existing and proposed impervious surfacing this project shall: provide flow control meeting the Peak Flow Control Standard per SMC 22.805.080.B.4. The post-development peak flow with a 4% annual probability (25-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.4 cubic feet per second per acre. Additionally, the peak flow with a 50% annual probability (2-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.15 cubic feet per second per acre. Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use Table 4.7 - Pre-Sized Flow Control Worksheet in lieu of continuous modeling.

#### **Water Quality**

No requirements

#### **Wastewater**

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a King County Capacity Charge. Further information is available online at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/capacitycharge.aspx>

#### **Permanent and Temporary Dewatering**

Per SMC 21.16.110, the proposed project requires a separate side sewer permit for temporary dewatering based on the following: excavation greater than 12 feet deep.

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge (DPD DR 4-2011) is located at the following:  
Combined system.

Contact King County Industrial Waste Program (206-263-3000). See DR 3-2004 for more information.

Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6. See DPD Director's Rule 13-2010 for more information. If applicable

### **Side Sewer**

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

## **DPD Land Use Code Requirements**

### **Street Requirements**

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

#### **3RD AVE N**

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curblin installed, per SDOT standards.

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## **Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements**

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

**Note:** Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 18 months of the above inspection date. After 18 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

The site plan did not include the following existing or proposed elements:

No existing trees shown. Plan does not show the 25' retaining wall for the bldg/parking garage to the south.

### **ECA Mapping Unit and Type**

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Steep slope

### **Earth Disturbance**

This field assessment found evidence of previous grading or unstable soils. Please provide a soils report. Project sits above a 25' retaining wall along the south PL.

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

In addition, provide detailed cross-sections for: All affected PLs.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height. Project sits above a 25' tall retaining wall along the south PL.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

## **Existing ROW Conditions**

### **3RD AVE N**

Street conditions:

Concrete paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

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## **Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property**

No parks property in vicinity

## **Tree Protection**

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of 1) **all** trees on the site, 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW. Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. See Director's Rule 16-2008 and CAM 242.

## **Construction Stormwater Control**

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual (DR 16-2009, Volume 2). The CSC Best Management Practices (BMPs) noted below can be found in the Construction Stormwater Control Technical Requirements Manual, available online and from DPD's Public Resource Center.

### **Show the following on the CSC/Post Construction Soil Amendment Plan:**

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or online at: <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest>

## **Inspectors Notes**

Relatively flat site that sits above a 25' retaining wall on the south PL. Site is ECA #1, steep slope, due the the retaining wall on the south PL. Show all the existing trees on the plot plan with clear notes for protection or removal.

## **Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA**

Submit a geotechnical report with the permit intake submittal package. Geotechnical report must be signed and stamped by a geotechnical engineer licensed in the State of Washington per SMC 22.804, SMC 25.09, and Directors Rule (DR) 33-2006

Provide a topographic survey with 2-foot contours on and within 25-feet of the property, stamped by a licensed land surveyor (see SMC 25.09.330A)

Delineate the steep slope critical area on a site plan based on the survey (per SMC 25.09.020 A3b(5)). Provide area calculations for the steep slope delineation.

Show the steep slope buffer. Generally, the buffer is 15-feet from the top and/or toe of the slope

Construction activity area appears to be within the steep slope critical area and/or its associated buffer. A steep slope variance may be required (see SMC 25.09.180E.1)

## **Seattle City Light Requirements**

### **Street/Alley Requirements**

#### **3RD AVE N**

10' Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance required between power lines and permanent structures. Review DPD CAM 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along the east side of 3rd Ave N.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along the east side of 3rd Ave N.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

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### **Easements**

SCL power easement is required. Property survey may be required at project's expense.

SCL blanket power easement over the entire parent parcel may be required. Property survey may be required at project's expense. If this is a unit lot subdivision, a blanket easement is needed.

Other requirements: The existing parent parcel is considered one site. The electrical service to the new buildings will need to be consolidated from one service strike from SCL's distribution system. Per SCL Requirements for Electric Service Connection, <http://www.seattle.gov/light/contractors/resc/>, Chapter 5, page 28: "Single Service Rule", Seattle City Light will provide only one service to a site or building. Additional services will be supplied only at SCL's option and will be agreed to in writing. Please contact your Electrical Service Representative well in advance of construction for clarification and electrical service advice.

## Conservation

Built Smart Programs - SCL offers developers of 5+ unit multifamily buildings incentives for installation of energy efficiency measures. From insulation and windows to lighting and appliances, take advantage of new technologies and construct a more efficient building with our help. For more information: contact Beth Rocha at (206)684-5945 / [beth.rocha@seattle.gov](mailto:beth.rocha@seattle.gov) or Meghan Pinch at (206)684-3901 / [meghan.pinch@seattle.gov](mailto:meghan.pinch@seattle.gov)

## Notes to Applicant

For new service, an Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. Please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical details for demolition and temporary power during construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Chris Raines, 206-684-4228, [christopher.raines@seattle.gov](mailto:christopher.raines@seattle.gov). Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

## SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: [http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse\\_docs.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm). Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

### SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

### Street Improvement Requirements

#### 3RD AVE N

Tree protection: Removal of trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) is prohibited. Projects must be designed to accommodate existing trees in the ROW. Exceptions to this policy require review and approval by SDOT Urban Forestry. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all other projects, call (206) 684-5693. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry immediately if you are proposing to remove street trees. If an exception from street tree removal is not granted, the project will need to be redesigned to preserve street trees.

Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement.

All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422. @ existing drwy closure

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410. @ existing drwy closure

New/replacement driveway: If there is a concrete curb in front of the project, the Street Use curb cut permit is issued by DPD. If there is not a concrete curb in front of the project, a Group 2 Street Use permit must be issued by Street Use. Refer to Standard Plan 430 for driveway curb cut standards. per DPD permit & COS std plan 430

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### **Discretionary ROW Improvements**

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

### **Other Requirements**

- construct new curb & restoration @ existing drwy to be modified/closed; construct new drwy per DPD permit & COS std plan 430. Appears to be inadequate dimension for 5' pl strip & standard st tree location within ROW.

## **SPU Requirements**

### **Flow Control Compliance**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new and replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

### **Water Availability**

Your water availability assessment is in progress. If the assessment results in water system improvements, you will be required to follow SDOT's Street Improvement Permit Process (see [CAM 2211](#) and [CAM 2213](#)).

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20121106

Water Availability Certificate status: In Progress

## **Other Requirements**

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD CAM 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation) to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to CAM 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and CAM 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, [Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov](mailto:Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov), or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).